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Iraq: The revolutionary regime controls Iraq and is moving rapidly to normalize the situation.

Little doubt remains that Qasim is dead. US officials in Baghdad are convinced that pictures of his body on Baghdad TV are authentic.

Messages of support are pouring into Baghdad from inside and outside the country. Kurdish rebel leader Mulla Mustafa Al-Barzani has sent his approval.

The Arab countries have raced to recognize the revolutionary government. So far the UAR, Yemen, Jordan, Syria, Algeria, Morocco, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia have extended recognition. Yugoslavia has also recognized the regime.

Moscow and Peiping have continued publicly to restrict themselves to factual reporting of Iraqi developments. (b)(1) (b)(3)

(b)(3) the USSR was expected to recognize the revolutionary government on 11 February. (b)(1) (b)(3)

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the UAR was not involved in the coup (b)(1) (b)(3)

Cairo's clandestine radio, however, is attempting to capitalize on the pan-Arab aspects of the revolt and has called for the "killing of Communists wherever

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you find them. There must be no mercy or existence for a red, an Englishman, or any other agent."

The new cabinet is dominated by the socialist Baath Party, as is the Revolutionary Council. Five cabinet members were educated in American universities. One has a degree from the University of London. The defense minister was military attaché in Washington during 1957-58. It appears that, despite its birth in a military coup, the regime will be dominated by the civilian leadership. Emphasis is already being placed on the return to civilian government soon.

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